

ALL THE NEWS OF ALL THE COLLEGES

McMASTER UNIVERSITY.

The proposed opening of the rink had to be postponed from Thursday evening on account of the weather. It will be held as soon as the ice is in good condition.

A very large number attended the meeting of the Literary and Scientific Society Friday evening to hear Dr. Rand's address on "Shakespeare v. Bacon: a Side-light on the Higher Criticism." At a recent meeting of the society the secretary was instructed to communicate with societies in the other colleges and ascertain their views in regard to the forming of an inter-collegiate debating league.

The Tennysonians have elected the following officers for the term:—President, F. Cornish, '00; Vice-President, A. McNeill, '01; Secretary-Treasurer, F. N. Goble, '00; Councillors H. Jordan, '00, P. Baker, '00; F. Phipps, '01; Editors M. D. Coltman, '00, A. Watson, '01.

Another McMaster graduate has won honor for his Alma Mater. Mr. Fred. T. Tapscott, '95, has been awarded first place in a competition in New Testament Greek, instituted by the American Institute of Sacred Literature. The competition was open to all undergraduate theological students in the colleges of America, and one hundred and nineteen competed.

A largely attended meeting of the Theological Society was held on Thursday evening. The chief feature of the programme was an address by Rev. Dr. Hooper on "Modern Cures," in which he discussed in an interesting way the claims of Spiritualism, Theosophy and Christian Science.

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE.

The St. Charles Society held an informal meeting Wednesday evening. The first regular meeting of the society will be held this week.

Rev. A. P. Du Mouchel, professor of Rhetoric at Sanwich College, who has been visiting here, leaves for home this week.

Among the late arrivals this term are Mallon, Curley, Shannon, McRae, Nolan, and Boucher.

St. Michael's Society will have its first meeting for this term Saturday evening.

A meeting of the American students of the college was held last week, for the purpose of discussing the celebration of Washington's birthday. It was about decided that the play to be given this year would be either "The Upstart" or "St. John of the Cross." The matter will be definitely settled this week.

The hockey team this year is the strongest the college has had in years. A number of the old players are on it, together with several new ones who are exceptionally fast men. The first regular game of the season will be an intercollege match with Knox, Wednesday, Feb. 2nd. The team will be composed of the following players: Morrow, Regan, George Roach, Thomas Roach, Pagéau, Fitzgerald, Snyder, and McKenna.

Several new men will be on the baseball team this year. It looks now as if a crack team will represent the college this year. McDermott will again occupy the box and will doubtless continue to keep the local batsmen in a quandary.

TRINITY TOPICS.

The first general meeting of the Athletic Association was held Friday afternoon last. Some routine business was transacted of small importance, with the exception of the election of a committee man. Mr. K. McEwen, who held office before Christmas, was re-elected to fill the vacancy.

The inter-college debate between Victoria and Trinity has been arranged, the date only being yet unsettled. It will be fixed in the near future. Messrs. Bushell and Boyle have been chosen to uphold Trinity's reputation.

There is some talk of another Athletic concert. The one last term proved so successful that it is said the Executive are contemplating holding another.

The retiring business manager of the Review, Mr. MacGill, gave a most satisfactory report of that paper and its finances for the past year. For some years past its financial position has been precarious. Mr. MacGill has succeeded in placing it on a firm financial basis, and another successful year may be looked for. The new manager is Mr. H. C. Griffith, '99, an energetic and skilful financier, and we predict a prosperous future for the paper under his control.

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The Banjo and Guitar Club have begun practice in earnest and will soon be in "shape." They will fill several engagements out of town during the next few weeks, and afterwards give a concert down town for the funds of the club.

The Trinity men and St. Hilda's young ladies who took part in the Victorian Era Ball sat for their photographs on Friday afternoon. The costumes and fair faces made a very pretty group. An impromptu dance was indulged in in the common room to make up for the tedium of "sitting." Rev. Professor Huntingford afterwards entertained the group and others at a most enjoyable tea in his rooms.

Rev. H. H. Bedford Jones will be forced to be absent from college during a great part of this term. He will return to lecture before the Divinity class at stated times. Rev. H. P. Lowe will in the meantime take his lectures in Arts.

TRINITY MEDICAL COLLEGE.

All the boys have returned from the Christmas vacation and many new faces are seen around the corridors.

Mr. Manley Fallis, '98, has been confined to the house for some days suffering from a severe attack of bronchitis.

The hockey team has been practising steadily and look forward to the match with Toronto School, confident that this time victory will rest with the Rouge et Noir.

The O.I.C.C. will hold no more sessions until after the spring exams. Thus it hath been decreed.

President Pascoe announces that a financial crisis is at hand in the affairs of the Literary Society. He is determined to cut down expenses—weekly shaves for the President is the first item to go.

The regular meeting of the Medical Society will be held on Tuesday evening. A number of many interesting papers will be read, including one by Dr. Chas. Sheard.

Capt. Ashton is the recipient of many congratulations from his friends these days.

Dr. Tommy Bell was a recent visitor to the college.

VARSITY LITERARY MEETS.

PLAN OF GIVING A STUDENTS PLAY HALLOWE'EN DISCUSSED—INTERESTING DEBATE.

James G. Merrick, B.A., of Osgoode Hall, came to the Lit on Friday night to request the society to take some steps towards gathering together the graduating groups of the past few years have them framed and hang them in the Students' Union Hall.

Charles Carson 1st vice-president of the Lit, on whom the duty of occupying the chair devolved, in the President's absence, saw his opportunity to escape the dangers of this unenviable position, and after much persuasion, prevailed on the genial James G. to take the seat of honor. That he acquitted it to the satisfaction of all goes without saying.

"Freddie" McKay was the first to bother the chairman, and his little difficulty was merely a notice of motion to the effect that he would move, next Friday night, that the Literary Society appoint a committee to confer with the other colleges in regard to presenting a play next Hallowe'en.

The report of the Conversat Committee was read by Charlie Carson. It was short and concise. "Conversat to be held on the 4th of February. Dancing allowed by Council. Tickets limited to six hundred. Price, \$1.50 each. Orchestra in Rotunda for promenaders. Come early and avoid the rush."

The candidates for Wycliffe "At Home" were not many, so Fred Harper got this plum by acclamation.

Fred McKay and N. R. D. Sinclair go over to the S.P.S. building some time in the near future to debate with the worthy representatives of the school, at the annual debate.

Charlie Carson then brought forward a motion. He moved that the Literary Society favored presenting a play on Hallowe'en, as he thought it would be an excellent thing both for the performers and the student audience.

"Jimmie" Merrick was decidedly in favor of this, and was glad it had been brought up. He had heard the "Idea" mentioned before and believed it was the idea of the "fin-de-siècle." He advocated holding the great event in Massey Hall, keeping down prices, and limiting the sale of tickets to students as much as possible.

After some discussion, Fred Harper seconded Charlie's motion which was carried without a dissenting voice.

The programme proper commenced with a rendition of a selection from Mark Twain's "Innocents Abroad," by Mr. Malcolm '01. This was such a treat that "Corporal" Smith moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Malcolm, who responded in a few well-chosen words. If rumor speaks truly the Lit will hear Mr. Malcolm again, if the whole Executive Committee have to get after him.

The Chairman introduced Murray Cohen

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'99 as the leader of the affirmative in the debate before the house. Murray announced the subject as, "Resolved, that departmental stores are at the present day injurious to the community at large." He advanced five arguments, which he then proceeded to elucidate. As nearly as it was possible for a hearer to catch the arguments they were: 1. The ranks of labor were increased by the displacement of the small shop-keepers, by the departmental stores. 2. The middleman was often reduced to the same state, the departmental stores purchasing direct from the manufacturer. 3. Labor market also increased by the non-employment of clerks formerly stationed in small stores. 4. Particular occupations being crowded out. 5. Increase of female and child labor. In a good speech, Mr. Cohen made the best of these points.

Robert Perkins, '98, fired the first volley for the negative, and every shot told. His motto was "Pro bono publico." He advocated a close relationship between producer and consumer, and not a long list of middle-men. This directness saved money for the consumers who were the people at large. He thought the mail order departments of these large stores were potent factors in their favor, as he knew one country store-keeper, who said he would rather have the business of a certain Toronto departmental store in his town, than his own business.

Other arguments advanced by "Orator Bob" in favor of departmental stores were: Saving in heating, lighting and cost of building; smaller capital required to carry on same business; no allowance for bad debts, honest customer does not now have to pay for goods procured by dishonest customer.

Bob's speech was forcible and convincing, and do doubt greatly helped the Chairman in his decision.

Mr. Le Sur '99 for the affirmative, and Mr. Martin, '98, for the negative, followed with exceedingly able efforts, and after a short valedictory by Mr. Cohen, Mr. Merrick criticised the speeches at some length. He said it was very hard for him to decide, but after a careful consideration he rendered a decision in favor of the negative side.

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